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Beaverton Police Officer Shot Responding to a Domestic Disturbance

At 6:40 a.m. this morning Beaverton Police Officers responded to the Hidden Village Mobile Estates located at 10405 SW Denny Road on a domestic disturbance.

When officers arrived they attempted to make contact with Michael Westrich 59 years old. Westrich began screaming at them and throwing items out of his closed windows. Officers tried to start a dialog with Westrich but he refused and continued to shatter his windows and scream at officers. Westrich then began throwing bricks at officers through the windows before he came to the front porch with a firearm. Westrich then fired at officers from his front porch, striking one of them. Officers returned fire striking him on his front porch. Westrich was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The officer who was shot is Scott Burke 47 years old and a 20 year veteran of the Beaverton Police Department. Officer Burke was evacuated from the scene and transported to a local area hospital for treatment. Officer Burke is in serious condition and is expected to recover from his injuries.

We would like to thank the community for their support of Officer Burke, his family and the Beaverton Police Department.

